

topics, among which was "Our Young Men," by A. H. Cross, of Lyons, and others.

At 12 M. dinner was served by the good brethren, sisters and friends of the church here and fifty-five smiling faces gathered around and partook of the luscious repast, after which it was re-served and about one hundred in all partook to their satisfaction. At 2 P. M. the association resumed the work. The good speeches, interspersed with ringing music, made it very interesting to all present. Convened at 7 P. M. when S. S. work was taken up and deliberated upon.

Closed at 9 P. M.

Take it all in all we had a grand good time. The house was well filled both in day and evening sessions.

Lake Odessa, Mich., Feb. 23, '94.

### SALT AND PEPPER FOR SOME VIRGINIA MEMBERS.

GOODS MILL, VA., 2-22, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—As I am the only subscriber at this post office I thought you would like to hear from this place. You ought to have more subscribers here as most of the members could afford to pay for it. I am a rheumatic cripple and a poor man and have a family to keep. We have had no preaching at Mt. Olive this year, yet Bro. Joe I. Hall preaches for us when we have any preaching. Last Sunday he had to fill Bro. C. B. Shaver's place at the new church near Dayton. We have been disappointed so much that it is hard to get the people to come out, and the members they stay at home as much as anybody else. We need a revival here to stir us up to our duty. We have not had any regular preacher since Bro. John G. Snyder was here. We will have a communion some time in April—I don't know the date—as I am no moon man. Christ said "as oft as ye eat this supper do it in remembrance of me"—not in the full moon of April. I have no objection to this as I can commune at any time. If the other brethren believe this to be the day I would like for some one to give the authority for holding a communion on a fixed day in April. This is the belief of the Russellites at Allegheny, Pa.

I am a believer in the "Gospel alone" doctrine. We have a large field here to work. There is but one G. B. Brethren church close, and no other one of any kind closer than three miles and the country is thickly settled. We ought to have some one to hold a revival for us this spring. Our Elder, E. B. Shaver, has not been here since last week.

Yours in Christ,

EDWARD PIRKEY.

### "THE GOSPEL AS WE BELIEVE IT" AGAINST THE GOSPEL.

In EVANGELIST No. 9, Vol. 16, page (13) in the letter "In Deed and in Truth" I am made to say that the failures of members is a hindrance

to the plain simple Gospel truth as we believe and love it. Now I am not generally very particular if things are not word for word as written but I am very touchy on this one point. It should read the plain simple Gospel THAT we believe and love. We have heard so much about "the Gospel as we believe it" and I think many people just stop with that "as we believe it" and feel that that gives them the best things of the Gospel and leave off thinking about God's word entirely. One of my brethren said to me that he thought that one of the great barriers in the way of our church progress in christian power and influence was the feeling in most of the individual members of the church that they had gained all that could be at all expected in this life and were surely safe for "the life that is to come." I am sure he is right "Meditate on these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear unto all," Paul says. Then by saying, "as we believe it." We seem to indicate that our believing it has much to do with it. When in fact it has nothing whatever to do with it. "God's word is sure and steadfast," whether we believe it or not. It is entirely independent of our beliefs. And I am sure that our speaking about the Gospel "as we believe it," as well as failing to live in honor to the Gospel is a hindrance to the spread and power of the Gospel. Not "the Gospel as we believe and love" but the GOSPEL THAT we believe and love.

### A PLEA FOR THE OLD BELL.

GOSHEN, IND. Feb. 24.

On Tuesday I baptized two more, husband and wife. The seed sown at our meeting is bringing forth fruit. Many more are considering the great question. I am holding meeting at the Rodibaugh Church, five miles from home. We make the trip every evening as I must be home to attend to my stock. This has been a cold week—from zero to fifteen degrees above every evening. There are only a few members at this place. Our congregations are growing in numbers and interest. I say, amen, to using home talent as much as possible. It is true we can get some great revivalist to hold meeting and after they are gone the life of the church seems to go with them, then they must listen to the old bell again and it seems to have lost its tone. The members get careless because they are not entertained so well. "We only hear the old bell again" is the cry. God bless the old bell that must ring when it is cloudy and stormy. Hold your own meetings, build up your own church, stand by the old bell. It is the old bell that must ring when trouble comes, when sickness and death comes. Let it be rung in sunshine as well as storm. Stand by the old bell and see if its tone will not ring out brighter and clearer if it be encouraged, if congregation's sympathy and love

go far toward toning the bell, Again I say, God bless the old bell.

A. S. MENAUGH.

### FIFTY MILES FROM ANY MEMBER.

NORTH AURELIUS, MICH., Feb. 11, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST, although I have desired to write for some time. But if you have any thing better, just put this in the waste basket. I am a member of the Brethren Church and love to read her paper. It is encouraging to me some times when I get almost discouraged, for it is a great light to God's people. I am fifty miles away from any Brethren church. Perhaps you wonder why I joined a church so far from home. I was visiting last winter at Campbell, and the brethren were holding a revival. I felt as though I had followed satan long enough and that God would help me to serve him the remainder of my days if I would put my trust in him. I thank God that I have learned to love him in my youthful days, and my prayers are that I may love him more every day, so when I am called from earth, I can have a home in heaven where my dear friends are. Pray for me that I may be faithful till death. Let us pray for those that know not our blessed Savior, let our light shine so that others may see our good work and glorify our Father in heaven. I have three brothers and two sisters that know not our blessed Savior, pray for them that they may give their hearts to Jesus before it is too late. I was at the Methodist Bible Class this afternoon. They are holding a revival here and have nearly fifty converts. They think it would be better for me to join some church closer, but I told them I am satisfied where I am, for the Bible says, as thy faith, so shall we live.

Yours in Christ,

HATTIE L. HAN.

### A BEAUTIFUL LETTER FROM A NEW CORRESPONDENT.

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND. Feb. 26, '94.

MR. S. J. HARRISON: This pleasant winter day I will endeavor to write to the EVANGELIST.

We have lately organized a King's Children's society and have at present thirty four active members, and are increasing rapidly, we are inexperienced in a work of this kind, but hope by patient, earnest, perseverance to do something for the cause of Christ.

We commenced a protracted meeting early in the winter, but on the account of our pastor, Mr. Christner's sickness was obliged to close it. We were very sorry to do this as we had great prospects of many accessions to the church, but we are thankful that Mr. Christner can visit us every two weeks and preach for us, for we appreciate his sermons very much. He has done the church at Manchester a great good, and is a sincere and earnest advocate of the true doctrine of Christ.

We are in hopes of having a protracted meeting early this spring.

I, in behalf of the King's Children of N. Manchester send our deep sympathy to Homer, and hope and pray that he may regain his health.

Your sister in Christ,

EMMA DOMER.

North Manchester, Ind.

### A CORRECTION.

NORCATUR, KANS., Feb. 24, 1894.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—I noticed several mistakes in the letter that appeared in the EVANGELIST from Mount Zion, and fearing that our friends in Ohio would not recognize some of the names, I wish to make some corrections. Our elder is D. M. Rittenhouse. He preaches for us every alternate Sunday. The deacons elected were: Jacob Holben, O. L. Brown, and R. G. Brown. The other deacon mentioned is C. R. Moore. A. Zimmerman was elected secretary and Samuel Arnold treasurer. K. Heckman, correspondent. Our Sunday school is prospering, and we are making preparations for an Easter program. Though few in number we feel encouraged to work, and hope that our church will prosper.

MRS. R. G. BROWN.

We are indebted to Bro. Lee Hamner, of Bridgewater, Va., for a circular 5 x 9 containing the following matter. Our only creed, "The Bible." Gospel Meeting at the new church, "Bethlehem." All Christians invited to come and help rescue the perishing. Sinners, come and be made free. Subjects: Monday, February 5, 7:00 p. m., Conversion. Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p. m., The Safe Baptism. Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p. m., Why Christ Washed Feet. Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p. m., Faith and the Lord's Supper. Friday, February 9, 7:00 p. m., What Kind of Clothes to Wear. Saturday, February 10, 7:00 p. m., Books Opened. Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a. m., The Veil Rent. Sunday, February 11, 7:00 p. m., Tears. Monday, February 12, 7:00 p. m., Conversation With a Lost Soul. Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p. m., Did the World Need the Bible? Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 p. m., How God Makes Believers. Conducted by Elder E. B. Shaver, of Maurertown, Va.

### MEETING AT LISTIE, PENN.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Rosedale box.

I commenced our protracted meeting at Listie, Somerset Co., Pa., on the 8th of February, and continued each evening and over Sunday until the 20th, when I was called home on account of the death of our son Samuel. We had pleasant meetings, good and large congregations, with very good interest, and if we could have continued longer I think surely we would have had some additions. Hope the seed sown may bring fruit in the near future.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.